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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000.  
Instalment received on 1, 2,074,744.75  
New Shares, \$7,074,744.75

Reserve Fund, \$2,500,000.  
Instalment of Premium to be paid on New Shares, 1,563,361.66  
\$4,063,361.66

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INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
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Local Bills Discounted.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,  
Office of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 372

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

M. R. CHARLES ALEXANDER  
TOMES is authorized to sign our  
Name by Procuration, in Hongkong, from  
this date.

RUSSELL & CO.  
Hongkong, March 24, 1884. 528

### NOTICE.

M. R. FRANCISCO MAMEDE GON-  
CALVES AND M. AUGUSTO JOSE  
ROZARIO have this day been admitted  
PARTNERS in our Firm.

ROZARIO & CO.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1884. 383

### Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

THIS Company now grants passages  
through to London via Marseilles,  
including Continental Railway fares, at the  
same rate as for the route by sea to London,  
viz., \$380.

The fare to Marseilles is now similar to  
that charged to Brindisi or Venice, viz.,

\$355.

A. M. McIVER,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, March 13, 1884. 455

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half  
Year ending 31st December last, at the  
Rate of Two Pounds STERLING per Share  
of \$125, and One Pound and Five Shillings  
STERLING per NEW Share of \$93.75  
paid up in PAYABLE on and after FEB-  
RUARY, the 29th February current, at the  
Offices of the Corporation, when Share-  
holders are requested to apply for Warrants  
By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 371

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

M. R. HENRY ST. CLAIR GREELEY,  
who, for many years, has been  
associated with the Management of the  
Overland and the DALYAN HOTELS, San  
Francisco, has been appointed MANAGER  
of the above HOTEL, and the Services of  
Mrs. JACKSON, who has occupied the posi-  
tion of MATRON in some of the principal  
Hotels in the Eastern States, have also  
been engaged.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 29, 1884. 380

### Intimations.



### NOTICE.

THE EXPLOSION of the POLICE  
HULK, notified to take place to-day,  
is POSTPONED till the 25th instant, at  
11.30 a.m.

H. G. THOMSETT,  
Harbour Master, &c.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,  
Hongkong, March 26, 1884. 546

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thir-  
teenth Ordinary MEETING of the  
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company  
will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria,  
Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 29th  
March, 1884, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors, together with a Statement of  
Accounts to 31st December, 1883.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED  
from the 22nd to 29th instant, both days  
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 13, 1884. 461

### NOTICE.

C. L. THEVENIN'S WINE and SPIRIT  
Shop, from this date, been  
temporarily REMOVED to No. 4, PEDDAR'S  
HILL.

Hongkong, March 26, 1884. 542

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

M. R. THOMAS ARNOLD will act as  
SECRETARY of the above Company  
until further Notice.

E. R. BELLIOS,  
Chairman.

Hongkong, February 25, 1884. 340

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS,  
WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the  
Public of Hongkong and the Coast  
Ports that he will RE-OPEN

THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS  
at the 1st March.

The whole of the ROOMS have been  
NEWLY FURNISHED throughout, and  
there are ROOMS suitable for either  
MARRIED COUPLES or SINGLES.

The TABLES will be supplied with the  
BEST of the market, and provide.

The WINES and LIQUORS supplied,  
both at the Bar and Table, will be of the  
VERY BEST BRANDS.

GENTLEMEN desirous of taking Meals,  
such as TIPEENS and DINNERS, can  
have ALL REQUISITE information by  
applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 368

HONGKONG HOTEL.

In FUTURE a LAUNCH will meet all the  
Northern, inland, and out-going Mail  
Steamers, (and others when required) to  
convey PASSENGERS and their BAGGAGE  
to and from the Peddar's Wharf.

For the convenience of GUESTS, the  
Hotel Servant will check their Baggage, for  
which a charge will be made.

The LAUNCH will leave the Peddar's  
Wharf 'UNQUOTE, Half-an-hour before the  
advertised time of departure of the out-  
going Mail Steamers.

For—

Single Journey, 20 Cts. each Passenger.

Double " 30 " " "

Baggage, 10 " " "

Books containing Twenty-five return  
Tickets are issued at \$5.00 by the Under-  
signed.

HENRY ST. CLAIR GREELEY,  
Manager.

Hongkong, March 26, 1884. 535

ROBT. SIM & CO.'S PATENT ANTI-  
FOULING COMPOSITION

as supplied to

Her Majesty's Ships; The F. & O. S. N. Co.;

The Douglas Steamship Company;

The Japanese Government.

Sole Agent, China, Japan, and Manila,

EDWARD GEORGE.

Hongkong, January 31, 1884. 188

WILLIAM DOLAN,  
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,  
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,  
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN  
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,  
CORK JACKETS,  
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

AT HAIPHONG.

A LOUER OU A VENDRE UN TER-  
REI A LAUVOISIN DU CONSULAT sur  
les portes des drôts de qua, longueur 200  
yards, profondeur 100 yards, avec deux  
maisons et dépendances, citerne, &c.

Plus un terrain sur la rive du canal ser-  
vant de marché, longueur 80 yards, pro-  
fondeur 45 yards.

Address to

Mr. THEVENIN.

Hongkong, March 12, 1884. 447

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

THE FOURTH and FINAL CALL of

£10 Sterling per Share on the 20,000  
SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this CORPORATION,  
will fall due on the 31st December Current,  
in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and  
Hongkong.

Orders executed with the utmost despatch  
and at moderate terms.

24th September, 1883. 611

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been instructed by

THE "SANTITAS" COMPANY,  
LIMITED, of London, with the exclusive  
SALE of their MANUFACTURES in

HONGKONG, MACAO and CANTON, and  
begs to inform the public of the above

named places unless received through the  
Undersigned.

E. F. DE SOUZA.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 365

Mr. Andrew Wind,  
News Agent, &c.

133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK;

is authorized to receive Subscriptions,  
Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail,  
Overland China Mail, and China Review,

Hongkong, February 29, 1884. 380

### For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

#### AMERICAN ORGANS

With from six to eleven stops, at from \$100 to  
\$160 each, made expressly to withstand the  
combined heat and moisture of the Hongkong climate.

#### PIANOS

By BROADWOOD, COLLARD & COLLARD and CHAPPELL,  
always in Stock for Sale or Hire.

#### PIANOS AND ORGANS AND HARMONIUMS

Repaired and tuned by a Competent Tuner from  
Messrs. BROADWOOD & SONS, London.

#### NEW MUSIC.

Received monthly from Messrs. CHAPPER & CO.,  
London.

#### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, March 13, 1884. 457

### Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION OF JAPANESE PORCELAINS, BRONZES, SILK SCREENS, CURIOS, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

#### FRIDAY,

the 28th March, 1884, at 2 p.m., at his  
Sales Rooms, Peddar's Wharf Buildings,—

#### A VERY FINE SELECTION OF JAPANESE PORCELAIN WARE, &c., comprising:—

SATSUMA, KAGA, IMARI, KIOTO, AND  
TOKIO VASES, JARS, TSURUS, BOWLS, CUPS,  
DISHES, TEA AND BREAKFAST SETS, TOKIO  
ENAMELLED WARE, BRONZES, SILK,

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.  
No. 53, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMUNIQUÉ),  
ARE NOW LANDING  
FROM AMERICA.  
CALIFORNIA.

CRAKER  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 6 lb  
tins, and loaves.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Assorted DISCUTS.

Small HOMINY.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

CORNMEAL.

TOPOCAN BUTTER.

Apple BUTTER.

Eastern and California CHEESE.

CODFISH, Boned.

Prime HAMS and BACON.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

Family BEER—25 lb kegs.

Bona Ideal SALMON in 6 lb cans.

Cutting's Dessert FRUIT in 24 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted SOUPS.

Richardson &amp; Robbin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.

Lunch JAM.

Lamb TONGUES.

Clam CHOWDER.

Fresh OREGON SALMON.

Dried APPLES.

TOMATOES.

SUCCHETAS.

Maple SYRUP.

Golden SYRUP.

LOBSTERS.

OYSTERS.

HONEY.

Assorted JELLIES.

Green CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.

600 lb. "

900 lb. "

1,200 lb. "

CORN BROOMS.

OFFICE HITCH CHAINS.

AXES and HATCHETS.

AGATE IRON WARE.

WAFFLE IRONS.

SMOOTHING IRONS.

PAINTS and OILS.

TALLOW and TAR.

VARNISHES.

DEVOE'S NONPARIEL

BRILLIANT

KEROSENE OIL,

150° test.

—late Arrivals from  
ENGLAND.A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
S T O R E S,  
including:

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

PLUM PUDDINGS.

MINCEMEAT.

ALMONDS and RAISINS

Crystallized FRUITS.

TYSONEAN'S DESSERT FRUITS.

Pudding RAISINS.

Lant CURRANTS.

Fine YORK HAMS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

SAVORY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS.

BRAWN.

INFANTS' FOOD.

CORN FLOUR.

SPARTAN

COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.

PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints &amp; quarts.

1829 GRAVES, "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES &amp; PORT—

SACOCHE'S MANZANILLA &amp; AMON-

TILLADO.

SACOCHE'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1849).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &amp;c.—

1 and 3-tuc HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT DUBOUCHÉ &amp; Co.'s BRANDY.

FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENLEE WHISKY.

BOURD'S OLD TONIC.

E. &amp; J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE &amp; JULE'S JUICE CORDIAL.

NOVELTY PLATE &amp; CO.'S VERMOUTH.

GLENFERIE'S GINGER BRANDY.

EASTERN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CUEACAO.

ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE

BITTERS.

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and

SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS STOUT, bottled by E. &amp;

J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

C I G A R S.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MUNKE'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF

SAFES, CASH and PAPER

BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

## Mails.

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STREAMSHIP  
COMPANY.THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.IN ADDITION to the FUNDS of the ABOVE  
INSTITUTION.A SACRED CONCERT  
WILL BE GIVEN IN THE  
TEMPERANCE HALL,  
Queen's Road, East,  
IN ADDITION to the FUNDS of the ABOVE  
INSTITUTION.

TO-NIGHT, 27th March, 1884.

To commence at 9 p.m., precisely.

ANTHEMS BY THE CATHEDRAL  
CHOIR, PART SONGS, DUETS,  
SOLOS, &c.,

BY LADY and GENTLEMAN AMATEURS.

Chairman: THE Right REV'D. BISHOP of VICTORIA.

Reserved Seats, \$1.00. To other parts of  
the Hall, 50, 20, and 10 Cents respectively.Tickets may be obtained of MESSRS. LANE,  
CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, March 27, 1884. 527

## INSURANCES.

## NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-  
PANY.THE Undersigned are prepared to accept  
Risks on First Class Godowns at 2  
per cent, not premium per annum.

NORTON &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1884. 938

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company are prepared  
to grant Policies on MARINE  
RISKS to all parts of the World, at current  
rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG &amp; Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 855

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.THE Undersigned Agents of the above  
Company are authorized to insure  
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN &amp; Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,  
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,  
MARSEILLE, MALTA, GIBRALTAR,  
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,  
PLYMOUTH and LONDON;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, and  
AUSTRALIA.N.B.—Cargo can be taken through Bills  
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN  
GULF PORTS, MARSHES,  
PIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK  
and BOSTON.THE PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY's Steamship  
CLYDE, Captain E. M. EDMOND, with  
Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched  
from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY  
and SUEZ CANAL on TUESDAY, the  
1st April, at 4 p.m.Cargo will be received on board until  
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office  
and 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.Safe Valuables for Europe will be  
transhipped at Colombo; Tea and Gun  
Cargo for London will be conveyed  
via BOMBAY without transhipment, arriving  
one week later than by the ordinary direct  
route via Colombo.For further Particulars, regarding  
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the  
PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY's Office, Hongkong.The Contents and Value of Packets are  
required to be declared prior to shipment.Shippers are particularly requested to  
note the terms and conditions of the Com-  
pany's Black Bills of Lading.N.B.—This Steamer takes Cargo and Pas-  
sengers for MARSEILLE.

A. MCIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 20, 1884. 507

## N O W R E A D Y .

## PRICE, \$1.00.

## COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW,

By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH  
at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE,  
GREGORY & Co., Hongkong, and at the  
CHINA MAIL Office.

M A R C H 27, 1884.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

M A R C H 27, 1884.

BANKS

Bank of S. H. &amp; H. Co.

Bank of China

Bank of Canton

Bank of N. S. &amp; H. Co.

Bank of Canton

Two French ironclads *Victorioso*, with Rear Admiral Moyer on board, left the Borneo Co's wharf, Singapore, on the 18th instant, for Toulon.

The Commander of the German man-of-war *Lippe*, now at Manila, was entertained at a banquet given at the Government Palace on the evening of the 21st March.

The following telegram appears in an Australian paper dated March 1st:—A terrific dynamite explosion occurred at the Victoria Station terminus of the London and Dover Railway. The damage was estimated at £4,000. No clue was obtained as to the perpetrators.

A REUTER'S telegram, supplied to the *Strait Times*, appears as follows in the issue of that paper of the 16th instant:—

London, March 18.—The French have overtaken and utterly routed the Chinese regular troops, and have captured all their arms, ammunition, and standards.

The Secretary of State has approved of the estimate and plans for the Raffles Library and Museum at Singapore, which he refused to sanction last year, and an elegant house for this institution is to be built on the slope of Fort Canning Hill. The grading of the grounds had been already taken in hand by the Public Works Department.—*Strait Times*.

A CORRESPONDENT who had opportunities of knowing something of the inner life of Colonel Gordon, writes to a London paper as follows:—When stationed at Gravesend, Gordon spent his money mostly on the river, teaching street arabs, his swimming school, armchair, and hospital in turn. One incident will illustrate his character. He possessed and valued a gold medal bearing an inscription. "The gift of the Empress of China." It suddenly disappeared. Years afterwards, it was discovered that Gordon had erased the inscription, and had sold the medal for ten pounds, which sum he had sent anonymously to a well-known Church dignitary for the relief of the sufferers during the cotton famine in Manchester.

The powers of pronunciation of Court officials would be less severely tried if all Oriental diplomats would follow the example of the Chinese Minister in adopting Western nomenclature for their offspring and the members of their missions. The two ladies of the celestial Legation are styled respectively Lady Fersewoda Lee and Lady Blossom Tseng. In contrast to these quaint and simple appellations are the names and titles of the successors to Prince Prassing and his colleagues, who left England after the revolution, a month or two ago. The Chinese Minister now at the Court of St. James is H. H. Kuan, Name Vanzardhi, and one of his secretaries is known as Phya Damrong Raja Bhalobhawdi. Damrong is an admirable name for a political opponent.—*World*.

The boatswain of the C. M. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Kintyre*, having been down the Tai-chow Island district in search of the bodies from the ill-fated steamer *Hsai-pien*, returned to Ningpo on Tuesday last the 18th inst., and gives the following report to the *Shanghai Courier*:—All along the Tai-chow coast bodies had been washed up, and after being robbed of any jewellery and good clothing found on them were left to wash away with the tide. In one place as many as twenty-four bodies were picked up, and the inhabitants made them fast to ropes, but the sea washed them away. At another place, where three women were washed on shore, the people actually chopped off the wrists of the three dead bodies to get the bangles off their arms, and the other bodies are now in Shanghai, having arrived here on Tuesday. The boatswain appears to have recovered four of these sent to Shanghai, as they looked like the laundry of sailors; the fifth was a grey-bearded passenger who had a pair of silk trousers on. He now in the possession of a native, a silver watch and gold chain to which was attached a locket with a photo in it; he described the picture as being a hand-some foreigner with black whiskers and moustaches; the photo and locket appeared not to have suffered from the salt water. The boatswain says he could not hear of the names of any of the foreigners being picked up or seen.

Some further particulars regarding the negotiations which have been proceeding for some time past for the release of the crew of the *Nisero*, held in bondage by the Rajah of Tenom, are given in the latest *Singapore* papers received.

Mr. Maxwell, writing from Obleib on the 14th March, says he landed at Tenom on the 9th with Captain Bickford, was well received by Tuku Iman; and all the Achae now were most civil. There is a strong anxiety on the part of the Tenom people to have a settlement of this affair, but they won't give up the crew without having obtained from the Dutch certain important political concessions. Mr. Maxwell had the first interview with Tuku Iman on the 9th, another on the 10th, and a third on the 11th, when the conditions demanded were reduced to writing. He does not state what the conditions were, but free trade on the coast is one and a *sua que non*. Though the terms seemed extravagant, Mr. Maxwell was led to believe that a good offer will not be refused. Mr. Maxwell left Tenom on the morning of the 12th instant, being escorted to the port by Tuku Iman in person. While at Tenom he sent a supply of provisions to the *Nisero* crew, and a sum of money from the *Kintyre*. He also sent them clothes and hats. They are up the river, not very far, for a boat can go up and bring an answer the same day. Mr. Maxwell saw the Governor of Aceh on the 13th instant, and put him in possession of all the facts. He was to see him again on the 15th, when he would decide whether he should go again to Tenom, and make a good offer, or whether he should return to Singapore. Mr. Maxwell returned to Singapore in H. M. S. *Pegasus* on the 20th instant, having been unsuccessful in his negotiations with the Rajah.

"It was in the early part of Jan Schneiders last year," said Captain Wilding, "when we beat a sudden tempest, after his crew had finished their repast of heroin, "and I was posted far in advance, when suddenly I saw three Arabs approaching me, all armed to the teeth. They had not perceived me, which was a point in my favour, so I quickly took out my bayonet, fixed it on my rifle, sprang out as they drew near, and ran." "Ran on through a breathless auditor." "No! Ran down the path to the picket-yard and escaped."

#### HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The following is the report of the Hongkong Public School for 1883:—

The Committee of the Hongkong Public School are happy to be able to report a considerable advance during the past year, both in the number of pupils and in the general efficiency of the institution. There were twenty-two pupils at the beginning of the year, and thirty-three at the close. Four boys left during the year (for England), one American was admitted. The average attendance for the whole year was 24, an increase of 4 on that of the previous year.

Another sign of advance is the hiring of a separate house for the Master and Mistress. This was necessary both for the sake of health and to enable Mr. and Mrs. Hambling to receive more boarders from the out-ports. This causes a serious addition to the expenditure; but it is believed that in time it will attract boys from a distance and so increase both the usefulness and the income of the School.

Chinese has been added to the subjects taught. It was found that the want of it might lead boys to leave earlier than they would otherwise have done in order to study Chinese elsewhere. An attempt to obtain occupation in the Colony, a knowledge of Chinese is in some cases necessary, and in all will be most useful.

The School is no longer under Government Inspection. Large numbers of pupils and comparatively small expenditure are conditions under which Government Inspection would prove a real help. This School cannot expect large numbers of pupils and yet the expenses are heavy. The Grant-in-aid therefore was so inadequate that it did not seem worth while to bind down the Head Master to the arrangement of hours and lessons required by the Government as a condition of competing for it. At the same time the teaching efficiency of the School has been maintained by the examinations held in December by Messrs. Jennings, Ost and Lee.

The Rev. Mr. Jennings says:—

"I examined the 1st and 2nd Classes at the end of 1883 in the elements of Geology and Physical Geography as I also did at the end of 1882, and found considerable improvement in the second examination. Indeed, I think that if these subjects are to be continued, more advanced text-books should be used than the small Primers now in use, at any rate by Class I. Some of the papers were exceedingly good, and I think only in some cases by poor composition and spelling, which I think ought to have more attention bestowed upon them."

"The Algebra, which I also looked over, had evidently been carefully taught. The few who are studying that subject have not long ago taken it up, and are not yet beyond the first principles; but they are being well-grounded for more advanced studies."

The Rev. Mr. Ost reports:—

"I examined the boys in English History, English Grammar, and Physiology, and was, on the whole, highly pleased with the result of the examination. The papers of some of the Senior boys were excellent, showing that the subjects had been well and carefully taught. One boy—Shepherd—sang to me of such a high order in each subject that I make special mention of his name."

"The Spelling and Composition were weak in two or three instances. This has been pointed out to the Head Master, and will, I feel confident, receive his special attention."

The statement of accounts appended to this report is so satisfactory that it shows a growing endowment fund in connection with the School, which gives a prospect of permanency to the institution, and also of making the Annual appeal for assistance a very nominal matter. At present it will be seen there is only a working balance of \$113.66, and donations are again earnestly invited for the current year.

The Committee would again remind their friends and subscribers that the School is on the same footing as ordinary middle class Public Schools at home, supported partly by donations and partly by fees. The fees, it will be seen in this case, cover nearly one-half of the actual working expenses. Higher fees would be prohibitive, and would draw many—perhaps most—of the parents to send their children to Schools unsuited to them, in which the opinion of many here ought not to be allowed in a community such as this.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Company's steamer *Editha*, with London dates up to 22nd February, arrived here this afternoon:—

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